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Remarks:

Claims 2 to 6, 10 and 14 to 20 are pending in this application. Claims 2, 4-6, 10 and 14-20 are allowed. Claim 3 is rejected.

At the top of page 2 of the Office Action the Examiner states:

"Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In line 1 "second salt" should be –second base--."

In response, applicants have amended the claim as indicated and also amended claim 15 in the same manner.

Having addressed the outstanding objections and rejections, applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and passage thereto is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below, if such would advance the prosecution in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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